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Senator Ben Nelson

United States Senate

720 Hart Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Nelson,

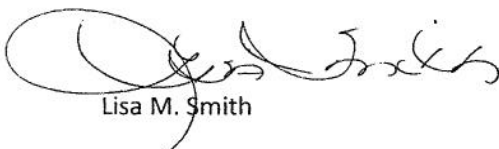
I am writing in support of the Child Advocacy Center's application for federally appropriated funds to support a new facility to be built in Northeast Lincoln.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a member of the volunteer campaign cabinet that has worked for the last three years to raise the money needed to construct a new facility for the Child Advocacy Center. The center has outgrown their little yellow house in Antelope Park and will be breaking ground on a new facility within the next few months. We have successfully raised over \$ 2,000,000 from the people and corporations within our community towards this new building.

The center provides vital services for children who are victims of serious physical or sexual abuse in Lincoln, Lancaster County and 16 other counties in Southeast Nebraska. The center actively assists in the investigation and prosecution of these very difficult cases by providing forensic interviews and medical evaluations and on-going support to the families. The Center collaborates with local law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and the County Attorney's office to form a true public-private partnership.

I believe that it is the responsibility of all citizens of our community to keep our children safe and the Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln helps us do this. Please support the appropriation of federal funds to help us continue to get sexual predators off the streets of Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska.

Best Regards,



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